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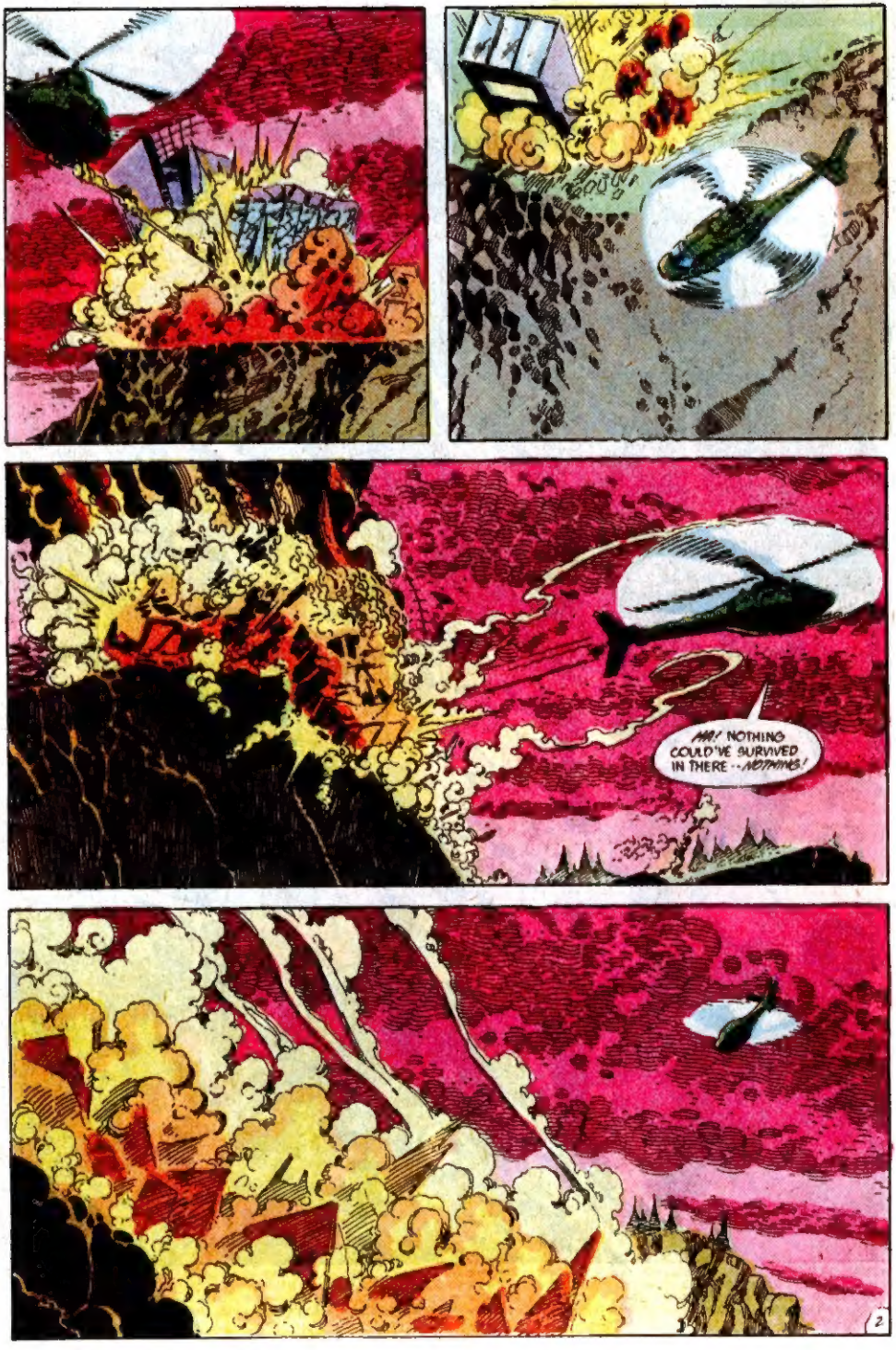
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"What happened to him?"

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WE ALREADY TOLD HIM EVERYTHING.
BATMAN?
BAR

HE KEPT SNOOPIN' AT US--WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GANG KILLINGS.
WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING DOWN THE GRAPEVINE.

I HEARD A RUMOR-- NOTHIN' MORE. I SWEAR IT. 'BOUT RICKY ROSSELLI... I TOLD BATMAN WHAT I HEARD.
BUT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE 'IM. HE KEPT HITTIN' JACKY TILL JACKY COULDN'T TALK NO MORE.

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WHEN I'M DONE, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU TOLD BATMAN.
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"WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, ALFRED? WHAT'S GOING ON?"
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"When we first got together you talked about investigation, observation, and deduction. You kept saying we had to think with our HEADS, not with our fists.
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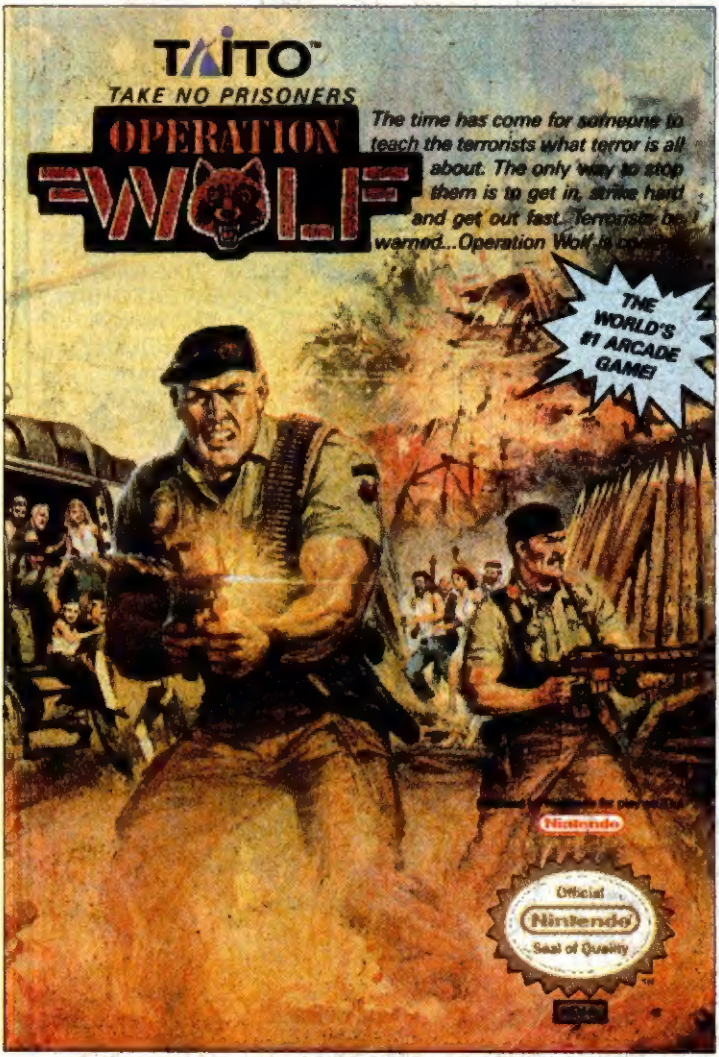
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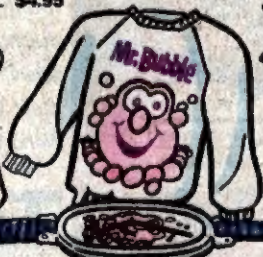

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RO-- NIGHTWING? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
BATMAN--I ASKED IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU.
I HAD ALMOST CLEARED THE WRECKAGE. I DIDN'T NEED YOU.
CARS KEPT DISAPPEARING INTO THE MOUNTAIN. A TRUCK SEEMED TO APPEAR FROM NOWHERE.
IT WAS OBVIOUS THERE WAS A SLIPPERY TUNNEL TO THE HOUSE.
IT WAS BEHIND A FLOOR-LENGTH PAINTING IN THEIR WORK AREA.
THE EXPLOSIONS BROUGHT DOWN SOME DEBRIS, BUT I WAS SAFE.
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME?
THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD WAS STAINED WITH BLOOD.
BRUCE, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU THESE DAYS?
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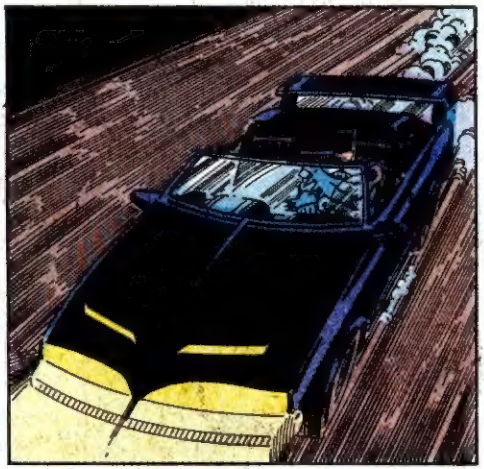
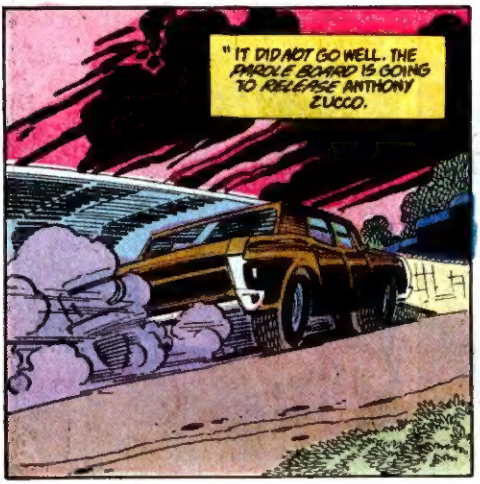
BATMAN?

BATMAN!?!




"IT DIDN'T GO WELL. THE PAROLE BOARD IS GOING TO RELEASE ANTHONY ZUCCO.

"THE MAN WHO KILLED "THE FLYING GRAYSONS" WILL BE ON THE STREETS BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT.
"I SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN MORE ELOQUENTLY I SHOULD HAVE CONVINCED THEM TO KEEP ZUCCO IMPRISONED.
"I FAILED YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED ME.
"WHEN YOUR PARENTS WERE MURDERED, SO MUCH OF YOU DIED WITH THEM.
"A KILLER IS GOING FREE AND I FEAR YOUR REACTION.
"HOW WILL YOU HANDLE THIS? WHAT WILL YOU DO?
"I WISH I HAD BEEN THERE TO TEMPER YOU WHEN YOU GREW UP...
"AS I HAD WITH MASTER DICK."
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BUT, MR. PENNYWORTH, IT'S JUST--
IT'S JUST WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY ABOUT HIM.
THEY SAY MR. WAYNE IS AMONG THE MORE INDOLENT OF THE IDLE RICH HE SUPPOSEDLY AVOIDS RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL COSTS. AND THEN--
AND THEN THERE'RE HIS WOMEN. YOU WERE GOING TO MENTION THEM, WEREN'T YOU?
SISTER MARY ELIZABETH, YOU CAN HARDLY BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN THE PAPERS.
HIS VERY ANXIOUSNESS IN MAKING MR. GRAYSON HIS WARD SHOULD PROVE THAT HE DOES NOT SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY
MR. WAYNE IS QUITE RELIABLE, TRUST ME ON THAT.
SISTER...
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YOU MAY VISIT ANY TIME, RICHARD AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING.

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-- I BELIEVE HE SAW HIMSELF IN YOU.
LIKE YOU, HIS PARENTS WERE SLAIN BY CRIMINALS
OH.
HE LIVES HERE? ALL ALONE?
THE STAFF WORKS HERE ONLY DURING THE DAY.
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.
IT'S INCREDIBLE WHEN AM I GOING TO MEET HIM? MR. WAYNE'S GOT TO BE GREAT.
PERHAPS.
THOUGH VIRTUE AND RICHES SELDOM SETTLE ON ONE MAN
I'M GOING TO LOVE LIVING HERE.
I HOPE YOU'LL STILL SAY THAT AFTER WE'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER.
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I'M BRUCE WAYNE.
I DIDN'T MEAN YOU. WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
DOWNSTAIRS.

BUT--
COME ON. LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND.

...AND I HAD THIS PUT IN ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. IT'S SET AT 83 DEGREES.
FEEL FREE TO USE IT AT ANY TIME
GENTLEMEN...

...SOME SOFT DRINKS. MINERAL WATER WITH LIME FOR MASTER BRUCE. A COLA FOR MASTER DICK.
MR. WAYNE, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
PLEASE...IT'S BRUCE. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

ALFRED SAID YOUR PARENTS WERE KILLED JUST LIKE MINE.

I MEAN, IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO MONTHS FOR ME. BUT I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THEM SO MUCH...
...AND I WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE SURE IT'S NOT ANY
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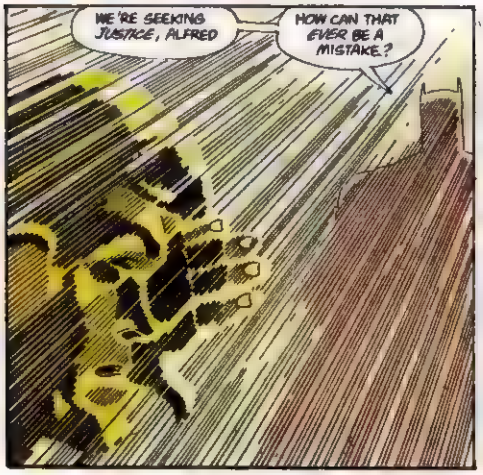
WHEN YOUR PARENTS DIED YOU SAID YOU WANTED HIM DEAD
DO YOU STILL WANT THAT?
NO--IT WOULDN'T BRING BACK MY PARENTS, WOULD IT?
I JUST WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING SO PEOPLE LIKE HIM COULDN'T HURT ANYONE EVER AGAIN.
THERE'S A WAY TO DO THAT, DICK, PROVIDED YOU'RE WILLING.
I'VE SEEN YOUR ACROBATICS. YOU'RE TRAINED AND DEDICATED.
IT WOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION
TWO YEARS AGO THE LOSS OF A PARTNER WAS UNTHINKABLE
SIR, IS THIS WISE?
IF HE WANTS ZUCCO TO PAY FOR HIS CRIMES, LET HIM LEARN HOW TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY
WHAT ARE YOU TWO PLANNING ABOUT?
TWO YEARS AGO I BEGAN TO ANSWER VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE
I WAS VERY EFFECTIVE
BUT THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT ROUGHENED THEMSELVES
TO STAY AHEAD, I HAD TO CHANGE
C'MON, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?
MASTER RICHARD, I PRESUME YOU'VE HEARD OF THE ROAD TO HELL?

WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. WAYNE? HE'S GONE?
HOW DOES HE KEEP DOING THAT?
WHEN ONE IS GOING TO DIE, ONE REALIZES HIS MORTALITY.

CONTINUITY IS SOUGHT... FATHER TO SON
BRUCE WAYNE'S GOING TO DIE?
NOT FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

THE LIGHTS! I CAN'T SEE!
ALFRED BELIEVES WHAT I DO IS FOOL-HARDY!
WEARING THAT COSTUME.. RISKING YOUR LIFE EVERY NIGHT--THAT IS IRRATIONAL
AND NOW THIS. IT IS WARNING, SIR


WE'RE SEEKING JUSTICE, ALFRED
HOW CAN THAT EVER BE A MISTAKE?

DICK, I'LL MAKE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE. YOU'LL HAVE TO STUDY MORE THAN YOU EVER HAVE.
WHATEVER YOUR WORK-OUT REGIMEN WAS IN THE CIRCUS, TRIPLE IT. THEN TRIPLE THAT!

THIS CITY IS [illegible] CRIMINALS GO FREE THE POLICE ARE OUTNUMBERED
THEY NEED HELP, AND I PROVIDE THAT HELP.
BUT I CAN'T FIGHT THE WAR BY MYSELF, DICK, THINK BEFORE YOU ANSWER--
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN ME? DO YOU WANT TO HELP?
I--I DO
THEN WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME.
WELCOME TO THE BATCAVE.
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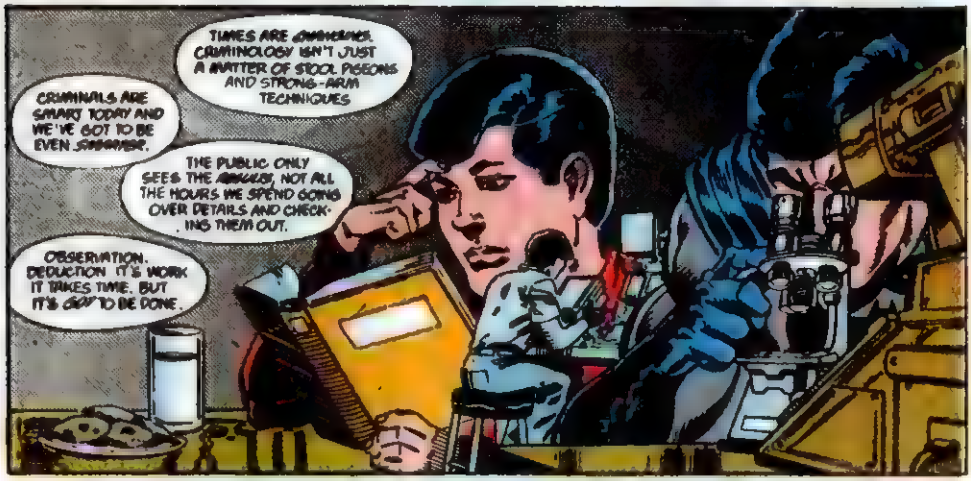
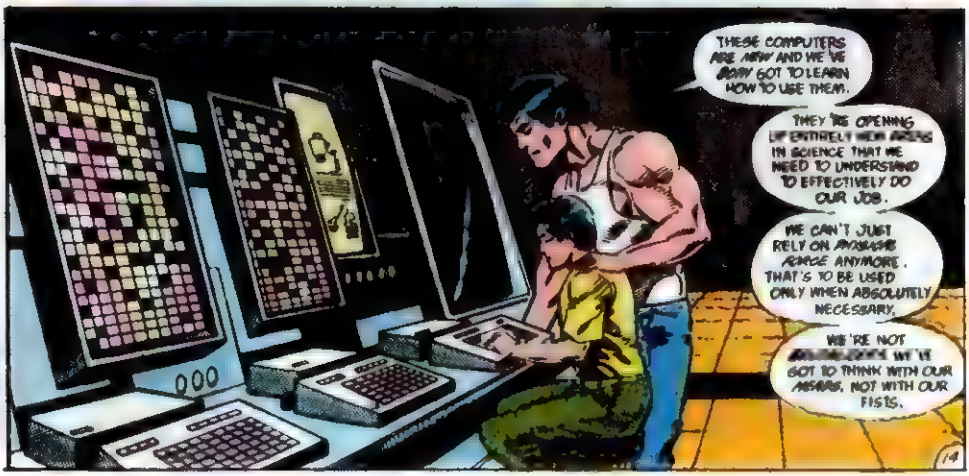
YOU'RE LEANING LEFT. CONCENTRATE ON YOUR BALANCE.
SNAP YOUR PUNCH AND PUT YOUR SHOULDER BEHIND IT.
YOU'RE NOT TWO ARMS AND LEGS AND A HEAD-- YOUR BODY IS A SINGLE FIGHTING FORCE.
YOU CAN'T TAKE THE TIME TO THINK... BODY AND MIND HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER INSTINCTIVELY


TIMES ARE CHANGING. CRIMINOLOGY ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF STOOL PIGEONS AND STRONG-ARM TECHNIQUES
CRIMINALS ARE SMART TODAY AND WE'VE GOT TO BE EVEN SMARTER.
THE PUBLIC ONLY SEES THE ARREST, NOT ALL THE HOURS WE SPEND GOING OVER DETAILS AND CHECKING THEM OUT.
OBSERVATION. DEDUCTION. IT'S WORK. IT TAKES TIME. BUT IT'S GOT TO BE DONE.


THESE COMPUTERS ARE NEW AND WE'VE BODY GOT TO LEARN HOW TO USE THEM.
THEY'RE OPENING UP ENTIRELY NEW AREAS IN SCIENCE THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND TO EFFECTIVELY DO OUR JOB.
WE CAN'T JUST RELY ON PHYSICAL FORCE ANYMORE. THAT'S TO BE USED ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
WE'RE NOT [illegible] WE'VE GOT TO THINK WITH OUR MINDS, NOT WITH OUR FISTS.

WHY HAS IT ALL CHANGED NOW?
SLAM!
SIR? IS THAT--?

SIR--?
BRUCE? I'M NOT GIVING THIS UP SO QUICKLY.

HE'S GONE TO HIS STUDY.
MASTER DICK, I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE [illegible] HIS BEHAVIOR.
NOW I ONLY WISH YOU HAD.

HAS HE TAKEN DOWN ALL OF JASON'S PICTURES?
EVERY ONE. HE REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE MASTER JASON'S DEATH IN ANY WAY.
I'M HONORED FOR HIM, SIR.

I FEAR HE'S ACTING IRRATIONALLY. DEFINITELY WITHOUT [illegible]
I'VE MENDED HIS WOUNDS MORE THESE PAST WEEKS THAN I HAVE IN YEARS.
SINCE MASTER JASON'S DEATH, I WONDER IF HE CARES FOR HIS OWN LIFE?

HE'S BECOME SO VIOLENT.
IT WASN'T ALWAYS THIS WAY.
I THINK IT'S TIME, DICK.
THIS IS FOR YOU!

I HAD IT PATTERNED AFTER YOUR CIRCUS COSTUME--
A REMINDER OF THE PAST...A HINT OF THE FUTURE.
MY WAR'S BEEN A LONELY ONE. AT TIMES I'VE FELT SWALLOWED UP BY IT.
WALLOW IN MUD, YOU WIND UP DIRTY.
PERHAPS I NEED A REMINDER WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR.
I'M FEELING GOOD ABOUT THIS, DICK.
VERY GOOD.
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...HE KEEPS PUSHING, AND WE'VE GOT TO LET HIM
SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?
TALKIN' ABOUT ZUCCO?
WHO ELSE?

WE'RE SPLITTING PROFITS WITH 'IM 70-30 WHEN THE DEAL WAS 50-50.
WE COMPLAIN, AN' HE THREATENS US WITH THAT DAMN BOOK HE'S GOT.

IT'S GOT EVERYTHING IN THERE--NAMES, DATES--EVIDENCE WHAT WE DID.
HE TURNS IT OVER TO THE COPS, WE'RE COOKED.
WHILE HIS RECORD'S CLEAN
THAT BOOK'S GOT HALF THE GANGS IN GOTHAM SCARED SPITLESS

BATMAN?!
WHO'S THE PUNK WITH HIM?
WHO CARES? GET OUTTA HERE!
"PUNK?!"
"WHO CARES?" MY FIRST APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC AND THIS IS HOW YOU GREET ME?
I'M HIGHLY OFFENDED
THE NAME'S ROBBIN--THAT'S ONE 'BEE.'
LIKE IN ROBBIN' HOOD, NOT ROBBIN' HOODS!
THAT'S WHAT YOU CREEPS ARE.
TELL ZUCCO HE'S BEEN MARKED.
I'VE JUST DECLARED WAR!
WINNER AND STILL CHAMPION!
WE MOVED IN A SYSTEMATIC FASHION--USING ONLY ENOUGH FORCE TO FRIGHTEN ZUCCO.
BUT NOW HE'S IGNORING EVERYTHING HE TAUGHT ME.
I DON'T LIKE IT, ALFRED. NOT AT ALL
IT'S TIME WE TALKED. AND THIS TIME I'M NOT LETTING HIM WALK AWAY

BRUCE, WE'VE GOT TO--
HE'S GONE.
MR VENTURA, YOU GOING TO THAT MEETING TONIGHT?
THE BOYS ARE GETTING REAL NERVOUS.
TELL THEM TO RELAX, PETER THE FAMILIES WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.
WHOEVER'S PUTTIN' THE MOVES ON US, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
SO TELL YOUR MEN THEY HAVE NOTHING TO CONCERN THEMSELVES ABOUT
...A TOAST TO GEORGIO VENTURA AND HIS MEN
HE WAS A MAN OF CLASS AND DISCIPLINE. I, MYSELF, LEARNED AT HIS SIDE.
SIX OF US HAVE DIED BY THIS ASSASSIN WE HAVE MURDERERS OF MEN STRONGARMING INFORMATION--
--BUT, WE HAVE LEARNED NOTHING-- ZIP!

I MUST SUSPECT THAT ONE OF US IS PERHAPS NOT TRULY ONE OF US. I MUST SUSPECT--
MR GRENADA, MAY I SPEAK, PLEASE?
MR. AGOURA. I ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE FROM THE EAST-SIDE FAMILY.
WITH RESPECT TO RAYMOND'S SUSPICIONS, I BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO SAY NONE OF US IS BEHIND THE KILLINGS.
OUR INTELLIGENCE NETWORKS WOULD HAVE INFORMED US OF SUCH DUPLICITY WEEKS AGO.
THE ASSASSIN, THEN IS OUTSIDE OUR INNER CIRCLE.
OUR TRADITIONAL RIVALRIES NEED TO BE PUT ASIDE.
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FAMILIES IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE.
THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE, ANTONY? OKAY, SO WE START SCRAPIN' 'IM AN HIS BOYS.
OUR BOYS START SHOOTIN' UP A FEW BOWERY BARS. A COUPLE 'A CRACK HOUSES. A FENCE OR TWO.
WE MAKE ENOUGH NOISE, SOMEONE 'S GONNA HEAR US.
WE SPILL ENOUGH BLOOD, SOMEONE 'S GONNA GET SCARED AN' TALK.
MR. FAIRFAX, OPEN WAR IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE THESE DAYS.
MEBBE IT SHOULD BE IN THE OLD DAYS NOBODY WOULDA DARED CROSS US.
HE SPILLS BLOOD, WE SPILL BLOOD.
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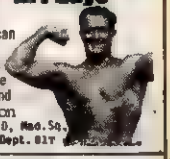

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--IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO HEAR IT.
BATMAN?
HOW'D HE GET HERE?
WHO CARES--?

--WHASTE 'IM!

I WANT OUT, TAFT.
WHAT'S KEEPING THE PAROLE BOARD?

DON'T WORRY, MR. ZUCCO, THE BOARD'S MADE ITS RECOM-MENDATIONS.
IT'S GONE TO THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN.

TAFT, I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS FOR TEN YEARS NOW...
AND I DON'T WANT SOME LOUSY CIVIL SERVANT TO SCREW THINGS UP

I'VE PLANNED TEN YEARS JUST HOW TO TAKE OVER THIS CITY. TEN YEARS HOW TO GET RID OF MY RIVALS.
ME AND MY BOOK-- WE KNOW EVERYBODY'S SECRETS.
EH, TAFT--EVERY-BODY'S SECRETS.
" THIS HAS NOT TURNED OUT AS I HAD HOPED. MASTER BRUCE CAN NO LONGER BE REASONED WITH. MASTER DICK IS FILLED WITH ANGER AND RESENTMENT.
" AND I STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TELL HIM THAT THE MAN WHO MURDERED HIS PARENTS IS GOING FREE...
" BECAUSE ZUCCO SOMEHOW FORCED ONE OF THE PAROLE BOARD TO MAKE HIS WAY
" ZUCCO IS VERMIN. HE SHOULD NEVER BE FREED.
" SOMEONE HAS GOT TO STOP HIM. "
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Dear Dan,

The center chapter of John Byrne's "Many Deaths of the Batman" storyline did what few middle chapters do. Most usually, they serve as padding between the first and last, bringing the characters to a point from which to reach an epic confrontation.

John Byrne's strength lies in pacing, and BATMAN #434 exemplified this. The story progressed nicely, actually moving the plot forward but not on top of the climax. John seems to be writing a short novel told in three parts, instead of the common cliffhangers wherein three short stories are bound into one.

Further, the mystery of the killer is intriguing, as the reader is able to delve into the investigation with James Gordon, following clues to a suitable resolution. We identify with the assistant coroner, hers is our point of view as we participate with interest, rather than follow along passively.

While not a cataclysmic epic, this tale is certainly a strong and involving one, the type that should be the norm rather than the exception

Mahalo,
Mark Lucas
San Francisco, CA

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Dear Dan and Den,

I've been reading BATMAN for a year now, and I would just like to say that "The Many Deaths of the Batman" has produced the best editions so far. The writers and the penciller as well as the inker are doing a great job.

If it were up to me, the Byrne/Aparo/DeCarlo team should stay on to write the continuing account of Batman's legend because they work so well together.

I can see that this will not be my last letter to you

H. Rehmany
Birmingham, England

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Dear Bat Crew,

I recently started collecting BATMAN and I love it! I started with issue #432, which I really liked, so I continued getting it. The storyline of "The Many Deaths of the Batman" is great. I *can't wait* for the next issue to come out!

I can't say that I would like to see more of the Joker since I've only been collecting for three issues, but I'd like to see Batman kayo him once in a while.

If it is in your control, don't let Batman quit the Justice League.

Could you try to get some specs on what will be used for the Batman movie (costume, Batmobile, etc.) and print them in a future issue?

As far as what Rita Lopez said, I'd like a third Batman series, too. Superman has three series—and Batman is much cooler than Superman!

You can expect to hear from me again.

Sincerely,
Rick Purcell
Briarcliff Manor, NY

We'll count on it, Rick. It's particularly gratifying to hear from a new reader such as yourself, because there are so many of you out there. It's rare that you get a situation in which our writers must write each story as though it were the first Batman story someone out there is reading, but these days, that's precisely the case. You'll be pleased to learn that starting with this issue, this magazine will be published bi-weekly for four issues. You new readers have made this development possible ... and necessary. Welcome.

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Dear John and Denny,

Nice mystery writing in BATMAN #434. The story-without-words technique works well. I find myself feeling a sick sense of wonder at how the next corpse will be killed off.

John has also got me wondering just who is murdering these people who are best in their respective fields. Are they people Bruce Wayne knew before he became Batman? Did they help him train? Or is it just some macabre prank to kill off people who are good at what they do? Does the killer know Wayne is Batman? If so, why try to kill him? I can't wait to see all the questions this story brings up get resolved.

One humorous part of the story was when the French constable held up the newspaper with the headline, "Batman Mort!" Before I realized that Batman was in France and "mort" was obviously the French word for "dead," I thought maybe somebody discovered Bruce Wayne's middle name was Morton. Then I saw the policeman's hat and realization set in. Yeah, I'm a college graduate, I is.

Sincerely,
Jerry Smith
Covington, KY

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Dear Crew,

With BATMAN #434 I've concluded that Jim Aparo's pencils are getting better and the book's somber mood is returning. I think 99 percent of Batman's stories should be set at night or in a storm or both. Too many of Batman's adventures have occurred in daylight. Work on it, will you?

What prompted this letter, however, was a number of articles in the *Comics Buyer's Guide* on the forthcoming Batman movie. My congratulations to you and to Warner Brothers! Superb! Batman looks eminently formidable and Bruce Wayne has never looked so debonair. Jack Nicholson's Joker is chilling and the Batmobile is awesome. This is going to be a blockbuster! I've seen the previews, and the characters appear true to their comics form. It seems you have better luck transferring your characters to the movies than does your major competitor. What's the trick?

Thanks for great comics and movies,
Mike Kuker
Redding, CA

No trick, just ingredients. You start with a solid, definable character and he sort of takes over, no matter what the medium.

We got a number of letters on BATMAN ANNUAL #13, as well as some reader letters of general interest. Since we go to a temporary bi-weekly schedule with this issue, we thought we'd look at some of these:

Dear Dan and Denny,

There seems to be a new Batman emerging. Since Frank Miller's batstories, writers have concentrated on Batman's obsession, his determination and sometimes irrational drives. Lately, a few writers have tried to focus on Batman's humanity. Sometimes there can be too much *angst* around this. Sometimes it can turn into a soap opera like Spider-Man, but James Owsley did a fine job. I think the character draws strength from his admission of mistakes and human error.

I found both stories to be nicely written, advancing the characters of Commissioner Gordon, Alfred, and Batman himself.

Nice job. Thanks.

Charlie Harris
Tucson, AZ

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Batman,

DETECTIVE COMICS #27, May, 1939; doesn't feel quite like fifty years, does it, big guy?

Well, that's exactly what it's been and in those years you have been a constant source of hope and inspiration for the entire world. For this, I just wanted to give you my personal thanks and best wishes for the future.

With respect and admiration,
Christopher Scott
The Bronx, NY

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Dear Mr. O'Neil,

I grew up with DC and Marvel in the late 50's, early 60's. When I discovered girls I also discovered movies; Saturday matinees and, later, Saturday night drive-ins. I packed away the comic books then with the other childhood memorabilia. I am now married with two children and work as a commercial film editor in New York City. Since Batman brought me back to comics, I've been visiting comics stores on the average of twice a week trying to catch up. My renewed interest has taken me past DC and Marvel to Comico and First, but the Batman series contains some of the best writing around. "Trail's so cold you can ice skate on it"? That's as good as James M. Cain or Raymond Chandler ever wrote.

I have two questions:

(1) Could you please give a brief job description of penciller, letterer, inker, and colorist?; and

(2) Is it possible to acquire original artwork or sketches of specific covers and panels?

My interest in film still holds, and I am looking forward to the upcoming Batman movie. I can only hope that the movie retains the *film noir* style of the comic's writing and art.

Thank you,
Paul Douglas
Fresh Meadows, NY

As to your questions: (1) The penciller lays out the page panel by panel, and draws the pictures in pencil. Some pencillers work rougher than others, but the best analogy is that of a set designer in film. The inker is more like the art director, going over the pencils in black ink, adding special effects where he or she sees fit, responsible for the overall "look" of the art. The letterer fills in, by hand, the words in balloons, captions, and sound effects that the script specifies; this step takes place between pencilling and inking. The colorist's contribution is the last to take place in-house here, adding color to reproductions of the finished inks through a number of means, depending on how the page is ultimately printed; and (2) Until ten or fifteen years ago, original artwork was given away as prizes in contests but more often just thrown out when the book was published. Comics artwork is now the property of the artists (penciller and inker) who create it, and you would have to go to them if you wish to acquire it.

As to your hopes for the Batman movie: No doubt you've seen it by now. Not bad, huh?

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To the Editor:

BATMAN ANNUAL #13: Great cover, and a nice companion piece to DETECTIVE #600. This is either an inventory story or an unheralded flashback, as Babs Gordon is still ambulatory.

On page 8: I couldn't believe that last panel! You expect me to believe that a pro like Bats goes out with only one batarang? Ironic that Bats should best Two-Face with a snowball, since he chastised Robin for that very thing earlier in the story!

So Gordon's wife has been dead for six years. Just how did Mrs. Gordon die? Yet another casualty of the war on crime, is my guess. Could she have been the victim of a murder attempt aimed at Jim Gordon? Perhaps you'll cover that period in an upcoming *Batman: Year Somethingorother* installment.

I particularly liked Bruce Wayne's comment on Batman: "The man wears tights. How rational could he have been to begin with?"

Pages 21 and 22: "Gemini Lane"?? That's a bit much even for Two-Face. I'm surprised Batman needed Dent at all, with that address fairly screaming, "TWO-FACE'S CARIBBEAN HEADQUARTERS!" Jeez!

"Waiting in the Wings" was an excellent short subject, better in some ways than the main feature. Bruce and Alfred have the same blood type, so I take it the latter gives the former a transfusion from time to time. I also take it that the scene on page 3 is the follow-up to the final panel of BATMAN #404 (February, 1987). Nice touch, that.

And Alfred's costuming skills helped Bruce come up with his alter ego. I especially liked that one caption, "Since age eight he has been The Batman. I must coach him in the 'role' of Bruce Wayne."

They also serve who stand and wait. Batman may be the star of this little play, but Alfred gets my vote for best supporting actor, and this one is my choice for DC's Story of the Year. As Alfred himself might say, "Good show!"

Robert Kowalski
Detroit, MI

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From the Den

The question gets asked at least a dozen times a year: How does a person learn to write for comics?

The answer is the same as the punchline to the old joke in which a tourist asks a cop how to get to Carnegie Hall and the cop answers, "Practice."

Actually, there isn't much formal training in comics writing (or art, for that matter) available. There's Joe Kubert's school in New Jersey and some courses at Manhattan's School of Visual Arts and precious little else. My usual advice to aspiring comics writers is, "Learn to write first, and then apply what you've learned to this form."

Until recently, there were no *books* about writing comics available—which did not keep me from recommending some books anyway. (Nothing keeps me from recommending books. I will probably recommend a treatise on shovel technique to the guys who dig my grave.) The four I think I would have found useful 23 years ago, when I was beginning, are:

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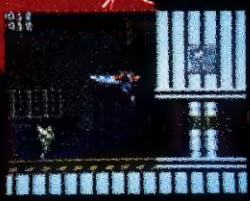

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